

## **Certification Requirements for “Pure” Dairy Products Imported to Jamaica**

The following certification statements should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 to send “pure” dairy products, such as milk, yogurt, cheese, and milk powder, to Jamaica. At this time negotiations are ongoing for products which contain small quantities of milk (e.g., chocolate). Therefore, VS Forms 16-4 should not be issued at this time for products containing small quantities of milk. In order to make the “fit for human consumption” statement, even under affidavit language, VS should require the exporter to provide VS with a document from a competent authority, such as a State dairy board, verifying the fitness of the product for human consumption.

**“Peste des pestitis ruminants and contagious caprine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States.**

**This office has on file a notarized affidavit from (insert name of company here) verifying the statements below:**

**The dairy processing plant from which the milk and/or milk products originate, is approved, licensed and monitored by the competent State Regulatory Agency and is producing milk and milk products according to the Federal laws and regulations. The Federal Government oversees State programs and enforces regulations to ensure that the milk and/or milk products comply with Federal laws and regulations.**

**The milk or milk products were derived from animals that were either born in the United States or imported legally into the United States.**

**The milk or milk products come from animals found at the time of milking to show no clinical signs of any disease transmissible through pasteurized milk or milk products.**

**Products were manufactured from milk that received a pasteurization treatment or adequate safeguards have been taken with the aim of avoiding public health hazards arising from pathogenic organisms associated with milk.**

**The product is fit for human consumption (or for animal consumption if so labeled). The U.S. control and periodic testing systems are designed to ensure against harmful levels of substances, based upon U.S. regulations and sampling surveillance programs.”**